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President Roosevelt Is on Solid Ground

The President of the United States is entirely right in his desire to throw the light of publicity into every nook and corner of this great government of the people.

We have had too little of publicity in times past, and honest men need not fear it anywhere.

Mr. Roosevelt is right in wishing our public men to be as subject to investigation as our private citizens and the employees of our private corporations.

Of course, he is right, and who should say so more heartily than the Boston American.

Mr. William B. Hearst is the pioneer in this introduction of the searchlight into our public affairs, and Mr. Roosevelt, not lavishly, but with a wholesome appreciation of a good example, is simply following in his wake.

It was Mr. Hearst who demonstrated how timely was the probe into the conduct of our representatives in government and law and public opinion. It was Mr. Hearst who made clear in the case of Senator Foraker, Senator Bailey and others that the searchlight, or the Secret Service, or whatever else you may choose to call it, was eminently necessary in letting the people know what their representatives in the Senate were doing.

It was Mr. Hearst who made clear the fact that in the House as well there were men, like Shibley, purporting to represent the people, who were more peculiarly representatives of the one colossal corporation of the country.

It was Mr. Hearst who turned the light into the secret places of the law and the courts, and showed where judges were selected at the dictation of corporations and trust magnates through the agency of subversive public officials.

It was Mr. Hearst who threw the searchlight far enough to make it clear that these vast corporations were also corrupting the public print and the educational institutions of the country, and that the trail of the trade-mark was visible in the lives of too many of the men who carried administrative responsibilities for the people and for the future. And it is simply a matter of consistency that the American and the Hearst newspapers should endorse the bold and vigorous energy with which the President of the United States has been impressed by the disclosures and by the necessity for publicity of criminals in high places everywhere.

THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE CAMPAIGN AND THE READING OF THE ARCHBOLD LETTERS DOUBTLESS GAVE BIRTH TO THE PRESIDENT'S SECRET SERVICE MOVE. THEY UNCOVERED SO MANY PUBLIC RASCALS THAT AN HONEST PRESIDENT CONCLUDED THAT IT WAS HIS DUTY TO INVOLVE DETECTIVES TO FIND THE OTHERS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Say this for Mr. Roosevelt. That even when not a pioneer himself, he has a clear eye to perceive the bold conduct of the pioneer in public and political reforms, and when he sees, he does not fear to follow. He illustrated that in his great march against the Northern Securities Company, which was born of the perceptions forced upon his mind by the light of Mr. Hearst against the Reading Railroad merger.

It is a matter of fact which can be easily verified that the government to-day, under the leadership of the administration, is proceeding to the abolition of the Coal Trust upon the exact lines of arguments and evidence developed by Mr. Hearst and his attorneys in the same Reading Railroad case.

Honest men in the House and Senate whose lives are above reproach need fear no light or publicity, nor a swarm of Secret Service agents anywhere. It is only those whose deeds are evil who fear the light, and the American trusts. AS A RESULT OF THIS WRANGLE OVER PUBLICITY, THAT BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE AND THE WHITE HOUSE WILL COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE LIVES OF PUBLIC SERVANTS ARE PUBLIC LIVES, AND THAT THEIR SECRET USES OF PUBLIC POWER AND INFLUENCE MUST ALL BE SPREAD OUT BEFORE THE OBSERVATION AND CRITICISM OF THEIR FELLOWS.

Mr. Roosevelt, the President of the United States, can well afford to look with serenity upon the present wrangle over his assertion of the right to investigate. No suspicion from wounded dignity over official rights should decide the people or dissuade the President from his resolve in this emergency.

Nor need the Senate or the House flatter themselves that any clamor on their part can disturb the position in which the President is held by the people of the country.

With all his faults, which are many, perhaps, and which are human, certainly—and therefore make a part of his popularity—the President is secure in the good will of the people, because they know beyond all criticism that he has been their brave and steadfast friend and has fought a good fight in their behalf.

They love him and trust him for the enemies that he has made and is making now.

They understand that the great body of those who are fighting him now are the friends, and perhaps the representatives, of those selfish organizations whose personal ends are opposed to the general interests of the public, and they are not going to sit still in this enlightened day and see the wounded corporations, writhing through their official friends and representatives, destroy in his last few weeks of official life the strenuous and fearless Executive whose career has confounded their selfish conspiracies and knocked the backbone of the people as no other administration has done within the two decades about us.

Congress and the White House must both live more in the light. The President is willing, and he is building surely right now for a better and a larger fame and popularity than in any other act of his career.

LETTERS FROM AMERICAN READERS

PLEASE FOR HOME CHARITY
HONORABLE AMERICAN:
While the generous heart of Boston and New England is opening wide in response to the appeal for aid to Italy, let us not forget the poor of our own big cities, who must endure untold sufferings now that the new winter weather has come. Let this issue of the Boston American be a reminder to the great mass of generosity for the afflicted.

A Thousand and One Nights By T. E. Powers



GROUCHO THE MONK DIDN'T LIKE THE CIGARS



THE HALL-ROOM BOYS



The Widening Circle

Every Thought Impulse Has an Influence That Is Endless, for Good or Ill—Like the Ripple from a Pebble

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

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WHEN you feel dissatisfied that you are not doing more good in the world, just relax your mind and your body, and send a quiet thought of good will to every living thing.

It is like throwing a pebble in the water, and the circle it makes goes on and on long after you can see it.

At a certain resort on the Canadian coast, facing Long Island Sound, every night at 10 o'clock, no matter how still the water may be, there comes a swirl and rush of waves upon the beach. Just for a moment this lasts, and then all is still again.

The cause of this nightly murmur of the waves is the passing of a Sound steamer on its course from New York to New London. It is fully two miles out at sea; and yet the movement of the wheels in the Sound sends this rush of waves upon the beach two miles away, regularly at 10 o'clock.



ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Just imagine what a world it would be if every living being were to send from the heart an unceasing wish for the freedom of every other being from all forms of slavery.

No Limits Remind

It would revolutionize the world; it would bring the millennium.

If there were no one who held thoughts of selfishness and slavery, those things could not exist.

However and the conditions which surround humanity; however limited your powers seem to be in bettering those conditions, you can send out your wave of helpful thought. And, besides helping the world, it will react back to you and strengthen you, and increase your powers of usefulness.

Even if you are in a prison cell this moment, you can be an influence for helping the world—and for freeing yourself eventually.

No prison bars can limit the mind. For mind is part of God.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox's essays and poems are a regular feature of the BOSTON JOURNAL AMERICAN, due to one of the staff of famous women writers who contribute regularly to the BOSTON JOURNAL AMERICAN.

Thoughts Keep at Work

Just in the same manner, every thought you send out is speeding on and on, influencing lives at a distance.

Every loving, helpful, courageous thought, every angry, jealous, bitter, despondent thought, is doing its work, for good or ill, long after you have forgotten that it had birth in your mind.

So it does not matter that you may be shut away from the centre of action by your environment and prevented from doing some work which you feel would help humanity; it does not matter if you are crippled by accident or duty, and kept from accomplishing things which you feel yourself capable of doing for the betterment of the world. Nothing can limit your thought force. That is your own, to control as you will.

Send Helpful Thoughts

Give a little time every day to sending thoughts of health and happiness and peace and prosperity to every living creature. Send thoughts of freedom to the prisoners in sick rooms, hospitals, prisons and asylums.

Your thoughts are as powerful as the bit of wood and iron and steel turning continuously in the centers of the world; and it will make its impression on the sea of space, and it will do its part toward helping all these unfortunate to obtain freedom.

There is no one so poor, so humble, so ignorant that he cannot do this much for humanity.